

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2001 Senate Bill 44

Senate Substitute Amendment 1

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Senate Bill 44 requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to include a condition on its approval of a high-capacity well that the person issued the approval may not use or permit another person to use any water withdrawn from the well to produce bottled drinking water, unless the DNR approves the use of the well for that purpose. The bill also directs the DNR to withhold its approval, grant a limited approval, or modify an approval of a high-capacity well in order to minimize adverse effects to the quality or quantity of waters of the state caused by any well used to produce bottled drinking water and to prepare an environmental impact statement for a decision by the DNR to approve the use of a high-capacity well to produce bottled drinking water.

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 exempts from the requirements in Senate Bill 44 the withdrawal of water by a public utility engaged in furnishing water to or for the public.

The Senate Committee on Environmental Resources recommended introduction of Senate Substitute Amendment 1, on a vote of Ayes, 5, Noes, 0; adoption of Senate Substitute Amendment 1, on a vote of Ayes, 5, Noes, 0; and passage of Senate Bill 44, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 5, Noes, 0, on March 8, 2001.